

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8, as follows:

[Fig. 2] It is photos showing appearances on day 100 of a diabetic rat with administration of retinoic acid-inorganic substance composite particles (~~LA~~/CaCO₃) (RA/CaCO₃) (6 mg) and a control diabetic rat (without [[LA]] RA administration).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 16, as follows:

In the control rat without administration of retinoic acid, there was observed a tendency that plasma insulin concentration was unchanged or gradually decreased, whereas in the rat with the administration of retinoic acid-organic substance composite particles (~~LA~~/PLGA) (RA/PLGA), plasma insulin concentration was lowest approximately on day 15, and then increased (Fig. 3 (b)).